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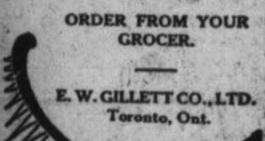
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Read by Rev. C. R. dePencier, M.A., Wellington, Ont., at Clerical Union.

Species, published in 1860, and the Descent of this statement on the floor of Synod of 1906-Man, published in 1871. Before the publication by men (I will not say by all, but by some) I of the first of these works most naturalists who had never given the question a moment's believed that each species, whether of animals thought. A petition was sent to the Minister or of plants, was a separate creation. It was of Education, protesting against the use of the known that it might run into "varieties," might book in our high schools and collegiate instibe improved by cultivation, or might help to tutes. The inevitable followed. These men originate a hybrid in conjunction with another were forced-I shall not say to the humiliating but it was a canon of natural science that cognize that their objections were foundationthere could be no further change. Darwin less. The sentence to which objection was followed a small school of naturalists who ad- taken contained not a theory but an accepted mitted that there could be transmutation of and rigid truth; the statement of an accepted species. His views, almost identical with those fact. All that is said by the author in this by Aristotle and others, may be embodied in of the book of nature, show a gra wal advance settled state of nature and a process of psychiamount of variability exists in every animal the very highest. Nothing is said, nothing or plant. No children of the same parents are implied, as to how this advance came about the life of each tend to increase the original form of life, plant or animal gradually detel variation. Variation under domestication has oped into a higher one; and surely a believe attracted universal notice, as in the case of in the Christian doctrine of the resurrection pigeons, dogs, cats and cattle. Similar changes | should have no difficulty in seeing in "Who go on at a slower rate among wild animals claims kindred with still higher beings" a reand plants. (2) Animals and plants tend to ference to our resurrection bodies.

to surrounding circumstances.

I say "Come, let us reason together." Few at that time to remove God from the course of congregations there are in the Diocese of nature, but no one today would give up this Ontario who have not men of university de- grand idea. Next came our knowledge of the grees, or men of science, or men of keen in- antiquity of the earth and of the cosmos. The difficult if not impossible to accept the state- specially for us about 6000 years ago; sun of the ground" in a manner somewhat similar shone only for our benefit,-these, science deeper meaning to this statement in the book antiquity of man. It is doubtless certain that and he wished to name his little daughter Gold. sidiary enterprises, lending libraries, work-Genesis. We endeavor to explain, as best we man has inhabited the earth far longer than The minister asked: view. If the object of the writer of these birth of Christ. The rotundity of the earth tochapters was to convey physical information, day is an accepted truth. For many years the then certainly it is imperfectly fulfilled. But | believers in this truth were persecuted, their lif his object was to give an intelligible ac- followers were classed as heretics. So it was count of God's relation to the world and to with the circulation of the blood. But these man, then it must be owned that he has suc- to-day are accepted facts. We will not recede we mean by scientific knowledge today was life upon the earth. not in all the thoughts of the people for whom] this book was written. The subject of crea- have as yet been detected, and the one species tion, of the beginning of man upon the earth of animal was of the simplest kind-a mass of

was not approached from that side at all. It will, however, be said, with much ap- or second period, began with the humblest pearance of justice, that although the object of corals, shell-fish and sea-weeds and passed up the writer was not to convey scientific in- into fishes, insects and lizard-like reptiles and formation, yet he might have been expected to into land plants, from the lowest mosses to be accurate in the information he did advance the cone-bearing trees of the coal measures regarding the physical universe. If we bring In the third or Mesozoic period, mammals for the early chapters of Genesis into comparison the first time appear. In the fourth, or Cainat all with science, we find at once various ozoic period, plants and animals resemble in discrepancies. Of the creation of sun, moon, some respects those of our modern world. In and stars subsequent to the creation of this the fifth period, now known as the Psychozoic earth, science can have but one thing to say. age, man appeared upon the earth, for stone Of the existence of fruit trees prior to the implements and the bones of man have been existence of the sun, science knows nothing. found associated with the arctic animals in the Ignorance of the department of science does glacial drift. The vital question before us to not, however, disqualify a man for knowing day is the method of this creation. I am fully and imparting truth about God. St. Paul tells aware of the difference between a fact and a us, in his letter to the Church at Corinth, that theory. One man will say the various types the natural man cannot comprehend the things of life came about through separate creation of the spirit of God. The word, translated by the will of the great Creator, that is that natural man, in the original is YUXUKOS, God created the plants and animals of the (I Cor. II, 14) the psychical, the intellectual Eozoic age. Then after millenniums of time, man. Because many scientists are avowed He created the plants and animals of the agnostics does not shatter our belief in God. Paleozoic age and placed them upon the earth, If we desired information regarding the weight and so on with the different stages of life. In of a great rock, we might go to a physical time, when the higher plants and animals of giant who had lifted the rock, but should we the mammalian type were all created and placrequire the weight of the moon we go to the ed upon the earth, when the Creator by intellectual giant, the man of science. The separate act of His omnipotence made man of physical giant may laugh at the information the dust of the ground. To this, the Christian advanced by the man of science and say that Evolutionist takes objection. He sees that he does not know, but we moreover readily from the beginning God has worked by a slow accept the statement of the scientist. But if process from cause to effect, or, if you will we desire knowledge of God, we go to the cause, process and effect. He sees that the spiritual man, the man who stands as the proph- animal and vegetable worlds merge into each ets of old, in close communion with God-men other so closely that you cannot tell where who speak the spirit of God. There is 'no one ends and the other begins. There are toreason, however, why a good man, a spiritual day, forms of life in the ocean, claimed by has had the experience of moving four times unto Moses, Kiah, snuff the candles." He is This he may readily do unless he should feel vegetable world, and on the other hand as strongly of the itinerant system, the bane of whose Christian name was Mark, once dropped

men of whom we should expect more. ence: "The Study of Rocks is an interesting now on exhibition in our museums, or are abode of the blest. chapter and most important, for it reveals to alive and flourishing. For example, the "Yes," said the youngster, with a sigh of preacher, resuming his normal voice, and

of gelatinous anatter that wove for itself a limey covering from the waters of the sea to its crowning development in Man who claims kindred with still higher beings." This strikes Darwinism is the name applied to the views the key note of development of life upon the Charles Darwin, in his works on the Origin of Dawn of Life, to the present, Psychozoic or species, in which case the hybrid was sterile, attitude of retraction-but, at least, led to requite alike, and the differing circumstances of nor is anything said or implied that a lewer

struggle for survival among all organized mutually excluding, the third combining and intellegent surviving and perpetuating their and workshops; he cruises among the fleet in beings in the world, individuals and species reconciling. For example, take the individual: species, evolution took place along psychi- a hospital-ship, and has launches attached to I was unable to get out of be battling against each other for existence. (4) There are three theories concerning the origin cal lines. Thus, through the accumu- the land hospitals for the conveyance of became so ill that my friends did not Speaking broadly, the victors will be those of the individual. The first is that of the pious lation of psychical variations, one particular patients to and fro, since there are no roads; expect me to recover and best fitted to survive, while others will be de- child, who thinks that he was made very much species was to be indefinitely perfected and he has established eight co-operative stores, me. At this time I was induced to feated and die. This is called by Darwin as he himself makes his mud pies. The second raised to a totally different plane from that on providing much of the capital out of his private try "Fruit-a-tives" and at once I be "Natural Selection," while Herbert Spencer is that of the street gamin or of Topsy, who calls it the "Survival of the Fittest." (5) As says "I was not made at all; I growed." The forth, in short, the dominant aspect of evolu- a schooner every winter, with humber from his dreadful womb the offspring of any animal or plant tends to third is that of the most intelligent Christians, tion was to be, not the genesis of species, but own mills, on plans drawn on a shingle by a improve and "Fruit-a-tivea" be in most respects like its parent, and as the that is, we were made by a process of civilization. As we thoroughly local genius of a shipwright unable to read or less improved forms are likely to be vanquished tion. Observe that this latter combines and grasp the meaning of the evolutionary theory, write; has started classes in weaving, care and perish, each race will ultimately be contin- reconciles the other two, and is thus the more we clearly see that it will be impossible that pentery and other trades; has opened day and I was, entirely due to the ued by the more highly organized individuals rational and philosophic. Now there are also in it. Sexual preferences will produce a three exactly corresponding theories concernselection tending in the same direction. (6) ing the origin of species. The first is that of earth. In the regions of unconditional pos- installed his own electricity, telegraphs and The result will be an endless progression en- many pious persons and many intelligent sibility, it is open to any one to argue, if he telephones; has charted the entire seaboard volving higher species, genera, families, orders, clergymen, who say that species are made at classes and even sub-kingdoms themselves, once by the divine hand, without natural prothe infinitely varied forms being each adapted cess. The second is that of the materialist, who posed to such conclusion. says that species were not made at all, they Darwin's theory, of course, does not mean were derived. The third is that of the Thethe "Survival of the Best" but the survival of listic Evolutionists, who think that they were tended from the beginning. Not the product to transform a moribund seamen's home in St. those best suited to the conditions of life under created by a process of evolution, who believe tion of any higher creature, but the perfecting John's into a fisherman's institute, to really be which they find themselves placed. For ex- that making is not inconsistent with growing. of humanity, is to be the glorious consum- what the word implies. ample: The Indian who was keen of sight, fleet The first asserts the divine agency, but denies mation of nature's long and tedious work. Thus of foot, and acute of hearing, would escape his natural process. The second asserts natural enemy, while his brother who could not shoot process, but denies divine agency. The third his arrow straight, who was slow of foot, and asserts divine agency by natural process. The dull of hearing, would fall a prey to his subtle last-mentioned idea has not yet been univer- interpretation of the book Genesis, it would enemy. In case of animals depending upon sally accepted. Never yet has any great truth, speed as a means of escape the fleet of foot presented to the world, been readily accepted. survived, while the enemy took the hindmost. We once thought the earth a flat surface, the In time of famine the giraffe, with the longest centre of the universe. This was doubtless neck, who could crop off the highest branches, David's conception-"The foundations of the survived. The mouse, (at one time a much earth shall never move at any time." But larger animal than he now is) escaped, as now science shows that it does move about the sur through holes and crevices. The smaller ones, and spins unceasingly on its axis. Everybody escaping more readily, lived, while the larger has heard of the terror produced by this disones fell a prey to the enemy. The members covery and the nearly tragic results to the bold of the ape family, with the longest arms, could scientist. But now we look back with wonder more readily grasp the lower branches and that there should have been any trouble at all swing themselves safe from the enemy, while Would any Christian now consent to give up struggle for existence, which has raged the short armed members of the tribes were the grand conception of nature and of God throughout countless acons of time, the whole devoured. The best in every case perpetuating thus opened to the human mind? Next came their species, creation as a whole advanced. Ithe law of gravitation. The effect of this on In reading this paper I may be carrying religious thought was even more profound coals to Newcastle. I do not expect it to be though less visible on the surface, because only received with any great osculatory enthusiasm. perceived by the most intelligent. It seemed tellect, sitting in the pew. These men find it earth, which we had fondly thought made ment "That the first man was made of the dust | moon and stars, which we had vainly imagined to which they, in their childhood days, made tells us, existed and each performed its due their mud pies. They refuse to accept this, course inconceivable ages before there was a and they ask, with all reverence and with a man to till the ground or contemplate the conscientions desire after truth, if there is no heavens. Next it came in the form of the can, that the object of the writer of this book we had previously supposed we had any reason was not to convey scientific knowledge or to for believing. Evidences are produced to show impart physical information. Every writing that man existed upon the earth from twenty must be judged by the object the writer has in thousand to fifty thousand years before the ceeded in the highest degree. Indeed, what from them. So it is with the development of

> In the strata of the Eozoic age, no plants jelly, enclosed in a thin shell. The Palaeozoic

is to-day being found in the Island of Austraa. (It has a duck bill, web-toes, acoracoid bone found only in birds and is oviparous.) What Grenfell has Done for the Hapl So with the other types and stages of life.

Every corner of the earth and crevice of the put forth by the famous English scientist, earth from the earliest stage, the Eozoic or to the peculiar environment. So scientists do ock is filled with the form of life best fitted not expect any great change in the physical forms of life now upon the earth. The cock crows with the same voice to-day as he did the days of Peter, simply because his environment has not changed. The fox digs his der as in the days of John the Baptist, because his condition of life has not changed. The dog and jackal differ because their environments differ Doubtless, they had a common ancestor. The jackal was left in the desert, the dog domesticated. The superior intelligence of the dog i owing to his association with man. But place the dog in the desert and the jacked in the home of man and their forms and dispositions of Alfred Russell Wallace and foreshadowed sentence is that the stratified rocks, the leaves had long since come to an end because of the would be reversed. So the process of chang the following propositions: (1) A certain in the types of life, from the very lowest to cal change took its place. Primitive man was as to seem almost a miracle. Beginning by a stronger man, physically, than he is to-day. This was owing to the Survival of the Fittest. Man at that time secured his food and protected his life by main force. The strongest survived. But the day came when primitive man stones by hand, then he placed the stone in a the fear of perishing by hunger or makedness sling to increase the velocity. Physical -formerly the fate of large numbers of the strength now was not of so much value, but permahents. multiply in a geometrical ratio. Each species There are three possible views concerning shrewdness and intelligence predominated. So The medical and spiritual needs of the would singly fill the earth were it not checked the origin of organic forms, whether individual the more intelligent survived while the dull "transients" have been as fully satisfied. He by the others. (3) There is thus a continual or specific. Two of these are opposite and ones fell before their enemies. The more has built hospitals, orphanages, sawmills, nothing rave me any relief. any creature, zoologically distinct from man hightschools, and put into service sixty lending and superior to him, should exist upon the libraries donated by Andrew Carnegie; has

> we suddenly arrive at the conclusion that man seems now, much more clearly than ever, the chief among God's creatures. From a literal seem that man was suddenly placed upon the earth by the omnipotence of God, without the slightest connection with the former of God's creations. And no scientific reason could alleged why the same incalculable power might not, by a similar miracle, thrust upon the scene some mightier creature in whose pres ence man would become like a sorry beast of burden. But he who recognizes the slow and subtle process of evolution as the way in which God makes things come to pass must take far higher view. He sees that in the deadly creation has been groaning and travailing together to bring forth that last consummates specimen of God's handiwork, the human soul

> > Plain Mary, After All.

life, tells of how his first parish was almost sounding for reefs, exploring harbors, an unendurable at first because of his declining discovering new codbanks for the trawlers, to christen a baby in accordance with its beside keeping track of the details and the father's wishes. The man's name was the finances incident to the administration of four commonplace, unnoticeable one of John Fish, hospitals and a ship, as well as all the sub-

named Gold Fish. Women are always more mention correspondence with institutions and sensitive to anything absurd in a name than friends in Europe and America. men are. I feel certain you can't tell me honestly she approves this notion of yours." "Well no, I can't," admitted the man. "She says there's something hard and short and not like a female name about Gold. Her own wish was Silver, sir, as being the softer and

the commotion simmered down. that other clergymen cannot always have been Harvey, the parish clerk, with a new stoveequally firm, for they reveal among other brought confusion to him and mirth to the obviously intentional combinations of the kind, congregation. Belle Clapper, Salt Waters, Pretty Goode, Carrie Arms, Orange Peel and Neversay Dyer.

Remember The Old Folk. Home Journal: Few realize the tragedy there s in growing old. To feel thrust into a corner while the world in which one once bore an active part goes whirling on without him must truly account for the "peculiarities" of old age. Make Christmas bright and helpful to the old folks. Do not count expense or trouble n visiting the old home and cheering the hearts of those who gave freely to your welfare when you were helpless and getting your start in life. When you miss the dear old faces you will wish many a time that you could run in and say a pleasant word or leave some little love token. The sweetest recollections you will have in after life will be the little things done to smooth the way for those on the other side of the hill or on their way down into the valley of shadows.

The Last Preacher's Move.

disposed to close his eyes to the truth. This, strenuously claimed by zoologists to belong to the clergy. An elderly minister was visiting into a doze in his pew, recalled him sudden

beginning, in humble sea-weed, or in a mass connecting link between the bird's and mammals we're going to move to."

THE HERO OF LABRADOR.

of the North Atlantic Coast.

Review of Reviews: When Grenfell went to Labrador in 1892, he found the 3,000 permment residents and the 30,000 summer fisher olk from Newfoundland almost without eligious or medical aid; in the clutches of merchants and traders who advanced them ishing outfits at enormous figures, and took their catch in return, contriving to keep them in debt, by this system-of bondage for generations, with misery and destitution universal with children barefooted and naked in a zero temperature, and parents so beggared as to borrow each other's clothes to come to him for treatment; with education virtually unknown, the ruling powers indifferent, if not criminally neglectful, and the region a veritble land of desolation. Within sixteen years he has effected a revolution so complete and comprehensive in the conditions of existence clothing the naked and succoring the sick, he has gradually, by judicious charity, encourage ment of thrift, incitement to self-help a industry, and the preaching of the doctrine practical Christianity, created a people con ound he could protect himself by throwing fortable, contented and free, in the main from

which all life had hitherto existed. Hence- means, and asking no interest on it; has built chooses, that such a creature may come to ex- and mapped the terrain nearby; has imported ist, but the Darwinian theory is utterly op- reindeer from Norway to replace the man eating "husky" dogs that are the terror of the According to Darwinism, the creation of region, and is now undertaking the most man is still the goal toward which nature herculean task of all, the raising of \$100,000

None but one resolute and powerful can get through a routine like Grenfell's. His daily task in summer include treatment of ward cases received aboard his ship between hosp tal points; navigating of the steamer, for he i his own pilot; attention to patients found in the harbors or aboard the fishing vessels, such as diagnosing and dispensing for those ailing abscess-letting, tooth-pulling, etc.; hold religious meetings every evening; responding to calls at whatever hour, even when this implies landing in the inky darkness of night or rowing miles in an open boat where the ship cannot get in; writing a daily diary for newspapers, to swell the funds; conducting Sunday services all the season round; arranging for supplies of wood for the ship's furnaces in land where there is no coal; adjudicating the disputes between the fisher-folk as an unpaid magistrate; caring for orphans and lunatics; providing clothes and food for the destitute, wooden legs and arms for the cripples, shotguns and game traps for the "furriers," and nets and gear for the fisher-folk who have met Jocular parents, with a perverted sense of misfortune; hearkening to the appeal of everyhumor, who inflict a comic name, or combinate body in distress, and relieving them so far a tion of names, upon a helpless baby, seem, possible; baptizing and burying where n fortunately, to be lessening in numbers. Never- clergyman ever goes; towing off stranded theless, Rev. Joseph Wray, an English clergy- vessels after every great storm, and carrying man, in some recent reminiscences of village wrecked crews southward to the mailboat shops, fox-farms, angora goat herds, farm at "But what does your wife think about it, St. Anthony, sawmill at Roddickton, eight co-Mr. Fish? Surely she doesn't want the child operative stores, and the reindeer herd; not to

RECALLED TO THEIR DUTY. Brought Confusion to the Clerk and Mirth Little Liver Pills. to the Congregation,

preserving the beauty of the idea. But I Youth's Companion Winter worship in oldtime churches, al persuaded her without much trouble, because she thinks a gold fish is prettier than a silver | though ardent in the spirit was often cruelly fish; anyway, I've married an amiable woman." chilly for the body, even after the area of However amiable a wife Mr. Fish was bles- larctic temperature, mitigated only by the insed with, his pastor was less amiable and more efficient tin foot-warmer, had given way to resolute, and there was neither a Gold or a the more luxurious one of stoves. The great Silver Fish permitted in the Fish family. The stove, filled with roaring logs, roasted the baby was finally christened Mary, but all the nearer worshippers and left the others to villagers took sides, and it was many months freeze; moreover, it required an inconvenient before everybody's feelings were soothed, and amount of attendance. Tradition relates how, in old St. Paul's, of Newburyport, Massa-English parish records of recent years show chusetts, a century ago the dealings of Mr.

Uncle Nat Bailey, the sexton, whose duty it was to tend his stove, was yet busy ringing the bell, and the last comers were liurrying in when Clerk Harvey perceived that the fire needed attention. This he promptly gave, but he smutted his hand, and haplessly rubbed it across his countenance, which became conspicuously and absurdly smeared with soot. A few minutes later he rose with dignity at his desk, confronted the congregation, and with a solemnity they could not share, gave out the first hymn: "Behold the beauties of

Lighting, like heating, gave trouble in those days. Candles guttered or went out and kept sextons busy tiptoeing about, snuffing or relighting them. Sexton Currier, (pronounced in country speech, "Kiah"), in Parson Milton's church, in the same old town, once neglected this duty. Parson Milton, nicknamed for his tremendous booming voice-"Thundering Milton," was an excellent pastor, but singular and abrupt in his ways. He nearly overthrew the decorum of the congregation by proclaiming at the top of his voice, without the slightest Bobby as the son of a Methodist minister break between the sentences; "The Lord said man, may not comprehend a scientific fact. Botanists, on the one hand, to belong to the within his life of eight years. He disapproves was, too, who, when a worthy parishioner, however, is not infrequently done, even by the animal world, so closely does the vegetable Bobby's father and gave attention to the small to duty. Leaning forward in the sermon, and world merge into the animal world. So the boy, asking many questions of a semi-theo- apparently addressing himself directly to the The High School Physical Geography by fossil remains of the connecting links of the logical nature. The conversation turned to offender, he exclaimed in quick, sharp tones, Geo. A. Chase, contains at page 13 this sent- various types of life have been found and are | heaven, and Bobby was asked concerning the "Mark." At the sound of his name the man opened his eyes and sat hastily erect. The us the story of life on the earth from its early ornithorinchus, or duck-billed platypus, the deep weariness, "I know. It's the last place cluded the sentence, "the perfect man, and be hold the upright."



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